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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing today to recommend approval of the pending application by SBC for long distance service in Michigan.

SBC not only provides essential telephone services but is also an important employer in our state. Also, SBC has worked to facilitate local telephone competition. I urge you to consider this commitment to competition and the company's importance to Michigan as you consider SBC's long distance application.

It is my hope that SBC's application is approved.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to the Commission's final vote.

Sincerely,

Hoon-Yung Hopgood
State Representative

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